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Roberts Appointed to Geospatial Information Systems Council



Aman Recommends South Windsor Resident for Appointment

HARTFORD - On the recommendation of Representative Bill Aman (R-South Windsor), House Minority Leader Robert M. Ward has appointed local resident and South Windsor's Director of Information Technology Scott Roberts to the Geospatial Information Systems Council.

Geospatial information is the concept for collection, information extraction, and storage, dissemination of data accurately referenced to a precise location on the earth's surface. These data are routinely used for planning, training, and operations including navigation, mission planning, mission rehearsal, modeling, simulation and emergency response. It is produced by multiple sources to common data standards, presented in the form of printed maps, charts, and publications; in digital simulation and modeling databases; in photographic form; or in the form of digitized maps and charts or attributed centerline data.

Under a new law signed by Governor Rell over the summer, The Geospatial Information Systems Council was created. Its members consist of at least twenty-one members representing state departments and local governments. The Council is responsible for creating a uniform GIS capacity for the state, municipalities, and regional planning agencies. The system will be critical to officials in the areas of land use planning, transportation, emergency response, economic development, as well as environmental, cultural and natural resource management and the delivery of public services.

"This is an important step for the State of Connecticut, and our region," said Roberts. "I am excited and honored to be able to serve my community and state in this capacity. The recent tragic events following Hurricane Katrina highlight the need and use for the work the Council and the GIS Community will be doing in assembling a uniform GIS capacity for our state."

"Scott Roberts has a distinguished record of dedication to South Windsor, and I am very happy that he will be involved in this project," said Representative Aman. "This Council will benefit tremendously from his experience and knowledge in this field."

Roberts is a certified GIS professional with over eleven years of experience in Connecticut. Prior to becoming Director of IT in South Windsor, Roberts was a consultant with Fuss & O'Neill's GIS Department, where he worked with a number of municipalities on GIS-related issues.